

edge 4a and extends from there into the cartridge/cassette to surround empty space 4b for reception of the sample.--.

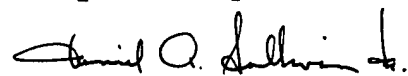
REMARKS

The Advisory Action mailed 06/30/99 has been received and its contents carefully noted.

Because the amendments proposed in applicant's response filed 06/14/99 were refused entry, applicant presents the above simplified amendment whose sole purpose is to correct the typo "pace" to --space--. Thus, in the above section of this amendment, IN THE SPECIFICATION, the amendment of 11/16/98 to the specification at page 3, line 19, between "of a pipette." and "The cap/cover", has been canceled and replaced with exactly the same wording, except for correction of the typo. Entry of this amendment is requested for the purpose of placing the application in better condition for appeal.

It is noted that toward the bottom of the Advisory Action of 06/30/99, only claims 23-41 are mentioned, although claims 1 and 8 also remain in the application.

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